



FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 22 July 2026

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Launders Lane

1) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Keith Prince)

From Councillor Sue Ospreay

The HRA Administration triggered legal proceedings in relation to Launders Lane, which the Leader acknowledged in a recent eLiving. We ask the Leader to explain how he will “get the site cleared” as stated in a recent media article (The Havering Daily on the 13th May).

Planning applications for additional bedrooms

2) To the Cabinet Member for Planning & Public Protection (Councillor Terry Brown)

From Councillor Martin Goode

Would the Cabinet member agree with me that all planning applications received, that entail internal alterations to an existing property by installing multiple Bedrooms, should be considered jointly with Licencing, in order to establish the full intentions of residency and the possible requirement for a class of use change?

Violence Against Women And Girls (VAWG)

3) To the Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Protection (Councillor Terry Brown)

From Councillor Trevor McKeever

Given what we know about the uneven distribution of domestic abuse and wider VAWG risk across Havering, can the Cabinet Member set out how the Council is using local data to target support and preventative interventions, and how this aligns with new pan-London funding streams and services coming online?

Romford Masterplan

4) To the Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor Robert Whitton)

From Councillor Stephanie Nunn

Now the Administration has “scrapped” the Romford Masterplan “it’s gone” (The Havering Daily on the 13th May), what alternative plans does the Cabinet Member have to regenerate Romford and its historic market?

Gallows Corner

**5) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Keith Prince)
From Councillor Darren Wise**

Could the council leader please outline the discussions and meetings they've held with Essex Water and TFL to resolve these lengthy delays to the full reopening? Have they received an explanation of why the reopening date has been changed from June to mid-October?

Parcel Theft

**6) To the Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Protection (Councillor Terry Brown)
From Councillor Matthew Stanton**

Will the Cabinet Member convene and attend a meeting with Cllr McKeever, myself and relevant officers at the earliest opportunity to review parcel theft issues at New Green and identify what options are available to address these concerns, including the potential use of parcel lockers within existing policy and estate management frameworks?

Property purchases

**7) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Keith Prince)
From Councillor Gillian Ford**

The Leader of the Council recently suggested "We know we urgently need homes for people here in Havering. Homes, not high storey tower blocks. It must also be homes for people in our borough and reduce the number of properties going to other boroughs." (The Havering Daily on the 13th May). We ask the Leader to confirm how he will stop other boroughs purchasing properties in Havering?

Council Debt and Overspend

**8) To the Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Sue Benjamins)
From Councillor Martin Goode**

Would the Cabinet member please outline what measures will be put in place in order to manage and control the increasing amount of debt and overspend this Council is facing?

Closed Libraries Reopening

**9) To the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health Care (Councillor Graham Day)
From Councillor Kimberley Gould**

The public were told by the Administration that libraries closed under the previous Administration would be reopened. We invite the Cabinet Member to provide details as to his re-opening plans.

Christmas Plans

**10) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Keith Prince)
From Councillor John Tyler**

The HRA Administration secured sponsorship for Christmas Trees and Lights for Town Centres and ask the Leader to confirm what support his administration will be giving to ensure Christmas takes place in Havering?

Increased Temporary Housing

**11) To the Cabinet Member for Housing Allocations (Councillor Martin Lardner)
From Councillor Lesley Tyler**

We invite the Cabinet Member for homelessness to outline how he intends to deliver increased temporary housing.

Impact of the Buy-To-Let Market on Homelessness

**12) To the Cabinet Member for Housing Allocations (Councillor Martin Lardner)
From Councillor Gillian Ford**

It is suggested that thousands of private landlords are exiting the buy-to-let market and invite the Cabinet Member to explain the impact this is having on homelessness here in Havering.

Fly-tipping

**13) To the Cabinet Member for Public Realm (Councillor Martynas Cekavicius)
From Councillor Barry Mugglestone**

The Administration recently publicised they would clamp down on fly-tipping and invite the Cabinet Member to detail how.

Experts at Hand offer

**14) To the Cabinet Member for Children (Councillor Kevin Gill)
From Councillor Oscar Ford**

We invite the Cabinet Member to outline how the Council is responding to the Government's Experts at Hand offer, in particular what the proposed governance and accountability arrangements will be.

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Implementing New Powers Against Landlords

15) To the Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Protection (Councillor Terry Brown)

From Councillor Michael Fisher

On the 22nd June 2026, Councils across England were given new powers to fine landlords up to £7,000 for failing to tackle serious hazards in privately rented homes, including damp, mould, fire risks, faulty electrics and unsafe living conditions. We ask the Cabinet Member to confirm how Havering will be implementing this new power.